

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration Message

Dear Fellow Residents:

Last month, we elected our 44th President of the United States to a second term, honored our veterans both living and deceased and celebrated Thanksgiving. Now the season of Christmas is upon us.

Will Rogers said, "We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by." Today there are more than 25 million veterans living among us. There are 17 million World War II Veterans alive today. It is estimated that 740 vets die each day. In tribute to all veterans, these are the words to a poem "To Those Who Served" (author unknown):

*We walk for those who no longer walk,
We speak for those whose voice is still,
We remember those with memories lost,
And we honor those that fell.
The soldiers on foreign seas,
Marines who died in hand-to-hand,
That we might all be free.
The airmen who, in lofty skies,
Flew bravely into wars,
The men who stayed to watch our coast,
And guard our freedom's shores,
To those brave men and women,
Give honor justly due,
Their ultimate sacrifice guaranteed
Freedom for me and you.*

In October, I met a local author, Michael McWade, at our book sale at the Heritage Center. He was certain that I knew all about Rudolph-the-Red-Nose-Reindeer through books, songs and movies. However, could I tell him anything about Santa's other reindeer – Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen? Since I could not answer his question, Mr. McWade showed me his new book, *The Reindeer Chronicles – The Green Scarf*. In his first book, he explains how Dasher began his quest to become one of Santa's flying reindeer. Sequels will follow. If there are any parents that would like to bring their children to the Heritage Center to meet and hear Mr. McWade read parts of his new book, please call the Village Hall at (708) 246-3080.

If there is enough interest, we will arrange a day and time to meet in December or January.

We have a wonderful group of residents who staff the Heritage Center Library. We are in need of a few more docents to volunteer 2 hours a month: Saturday 10-3 or Sunday 12-3. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Village Hall at (708) 246-3080, Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-0293 or (708) 246-2328.

Although we have celebrated Thanksgiving, Mayor Richard Andrews and the Village Board of Trustees want to thank our crossing guards for keeping our children safe. We also thank Chief Frank Alonzo and the Indian Head Park Police Department for their diligence and hard work. As the Christmas season approaches and snow begins to fall, we thank the Public Works Department for always keeping our streets clear no matter what the hour or the day. Last, but certainly not least, we thank our administrative staff for helping our residents and keeping up with our paperwork.

In closing, Mayor Andrews and the Village Board of Trustees wish to extend to all residents and their families a very Merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Trustee Anne Bermier

P.S.:

Electrical Aggregation

IHP voters have approved the establishment of an opt-out electrical aggregation program for the Village. This was the first necessary step towards achieving village-wide cost savings on our electric bills by consolidating our accounts and negotiating a cheaper electricity supply. The next step will be for the VBT to adopt a plan of governance with input from our residents. To do this, the VBT will hold two public meetings prior to the January Village Board meeting (see the Notice below) for this purpose. After the plan of governance is adopted, the Village will then be able to solicit bids for a low-cost electricity supplier. More details about this will be given at the public meetings. See you there.

Revenue Referendum

The Revenue Referendum did not receive majority support from the voters at the last election. Accordingly, the VBT and I will continue to do our best going forward with the resources we have at hand. It is too early to tell what impact this will have on our budget and Village services going forward. When we commence work on our next fiscal year budget, we will be able to analyze the matter in detail. None of us on your Village team enjoys telling you that the Village needs more revenue and the last resort of a property tax increase had to be considered. However, in keeping with our oath to do our best for the Village, it is necessary sometimes to put a matter such as village finances before you for your input. We have your direction and we will do our utmost best to operate our Village in accordance with them. Thank you to all who took the time to vote on November 6th. Democracy is alive and well in Indian Head Park!

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In closing, I wish a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year** to all of you! This holiday season let us remember . . . Christmas isn't just a day. It's a frame of mind.

- Valentine Davies in *Miracle on 34th Street*

Peace!

Mayor Richard S. Andrews

Notice of Public Hearing

Aggregation of Residential and Small Commercial Retail Electric Rates Village of Indian Head Park

The approval of a referendum on November 6, 2012 authorized the Village of Indian Head Park to negotiate for electric rates on behalf of residents and small businesses of the village. Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 7:30 pm and on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:30 pm regarding the proposed Village of Indian Head Park Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance. The hearings will be held in the board room of the Village of Indian Head Park Municipal Building located at 201 Acacia Drive, Indian Head Park, IL 60525. A copy of the proposed Plan of Operation and Governance is available for review at the Village Clerk's Office during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each hearing.

Aging Care News

Aging Care Connections located in LaGrange provides a variety of programs to seniors throughout the year. For further information on upcoming programs and events, please call (708) 354-1323 or visit their Website at www.agingcareconnections.org.



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Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees: 7:30 p.m.:

Thursday, January 10, 2013

Planning and Zoning Commission: 7:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Fire and Police Commission: 7:00 p.m.

No meeting scheduled at this time.

E-911 Board: 6:30 p.m.

No meeting scheduled at this time.

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

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Our condolences to the Hymel family on the loss of John Hymel. John was a dedicated member of the Brookfield Police Department for 35 years, 13 of those years he served as Chief of Police for Brookfield. He later served the Village of Indian Head Park as Chief of Police for four years. John was also a US Navy submarine veteran of the Korean War and he will be missed by everyone that knew him.

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who achieved honor roll status at Nazareth Academy: Kevin Connelly, Taryn Kryza, Rachel Pellegrino, Anna Rafanelli, Cara Rafanelli, Michael Yu and Nicole Tank.

Under the Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act certain electronic items may not be disposed of with refuse collected for disposal at landfills such as computers, monitors, printers, scanners, televisions, fax machines, video recorders, small scale servers, etc. Residents may visit the following Website to find a location where such items can be disposed of properly: www.epa.state.il.us. The Village of Indian Head Park is also a member of the West Cook County

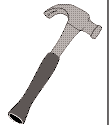
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